

Spanish A Level

Preparation work: Pre-course Reading, Research and Tasks

Pre-reading and research will help you to become more familiar with the topics you are going to study on your A Level Spanish course. If you complete the tasks below, they will also help you to become more confident when you start your course. Remember it is also a good idea to make sure you recap and consolidate your GCSE Spanish knowledge as well.

Specification :

A good place to start to look at the A level specification and familiarise yourself with what you will be studying on the course:

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/languages/as-and-a-level/spanish-7692>

Task 1:

Ensure you practise the grammar seen in GCSE, revising regular and irregular verbs in all tenses learned. For those who want to extend yourselves, maybe have a look at the present subjunctive in a bit more detail. Try and put in a 20 minute grammar slot 3 times a week. Keep a log of the grammar you practise.

Grammar:

<https://www.languagesonline.org.uk>

<https://www.conjuguemos.com>

Task 2:

It is very important to **listen** to programmes in Spanish regularly, again, 20 minutes 3 times a week.

Task 3:

Similarly, you need to ensure you put in a regular **reading** slot in Spanish on a daily basis. Keep a log of interesting things you come across both listening and reading so you can tell us about them when we see you.

Websites for Further Research and Reading:

<https://www.muyinteresante.com.mx/junior>

<https://es.euronews.com>

<https://www.teachvid.com/resources>

Books to Read:

- **Crónica de una muerte anunciada** by Gabriel García Márquez
- **Como agua para chocolate** by Laura Esquivel
- **Réquiem por un campesino español** by Ramón J. Sender
- **La sombra del viento** by Carlos Ruiz Zafón
- **La casa de los espíritus** by Isabel Allende

- **Las bicicletas son para el verano** by Fernando Fernán-Gómez
- **El otro árbol de Guernica** by Luis de Castresana
- **El coronel no tiene quien le escribe** by Gabriel García Márquez

Podcasts:

<https://spanishlandschool.com/best-spanish-podcasts/#tab-con-5>

https://www.newsinslowspanish.com/?gclid=Cj0KCQjwhZr1BRCLARIsALjRVQNQvWUNhW0eEtxlNMMPOcakc9HyJCRql39s4Hjg6ettHrr-BveBoVcaAvBOEALw_wcB

Films/series/documentaries to Watch:

- <https://www.rtve.es>
- <https://www.rtve.es/alcanta/videos/el-ministerio-del-tiempo/ministerio-del-tiempo-disfruta-todos-capitulos-full-hd-rtvees/5542347>
- **La casa de papel** on Netflix
- **El laberinto del fauno** Guillermo del Toro (2006)
- **Ocho apellidos vascos** Emilio Martínez-Lázaro (2014)
- **María, llena eres de gracia** Joshua Marston (2004)

Progression Opportunities

Why choose Spanish A Level:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q3xvmc1gVVE>

Studying Spanish or other languages at university and careers it can lead to:

<https://www.theuniguide.co.uk/subjects/spanish>

<http://www.whystudylanguages.ac.uk/teachers/video>

At university you can study Spanish as your main subject or combined with other subjects:

https://www.theuniguide.co.uk/search/course?c%5Bsubject_codes%5D%5B%5D=100325

We hope you enjoy completing these tasks and look forward to you joining the course.

